To the Kings most excellent Maiestie.

The true Coble of M. Iohn Dee his Petition to the kings most excellent Maiestie, exhibited: Anno 1604. Iuly 5. at Greene-wich.

IN most humble and lamentable manner beseecheth your Royall Maiestie, your Highnesse most distressed Seruant, *Iohn Dee:* That, as, by the grace and prouidence of the Almightie, you are our King, our earthly Supreame Head, and Iudge: So it may please your sacred Maiestie, eyther in your owne royall presence and hearing; Or, of the Lordes of your Maiesties most honorable priuie Counsell: Or, of the present assembled Parlament States, to cause your Highnesse sayd Seruant, to be tryed and cleared of that horrible and damnable, and to him, most grieuous and dammageable Sclaunder: generally, and for these many yeeres last past, in this Kingdome raysed, and continued, by report, and Print, against him: Namely, That he is, or hath bin a *Coniurer*, or *Caller*, or *Invocator* of diuels: Vpon which most vngodly, and false report, so boldly, constantly, and impudently auouched: yea, and vncontrolled, and hitherto vnpunished, for so many yeeres, continuing: (Albeit, your Maesties said Supplant, hath published in Print, diuers his earnest Apologies, against it) yet some impudent and malicious forraine enemie, or English traytor to the flourishing State and Honor of this Kingdome, hath in Print (*Anno* 1592. 7. *Ianuarij*) affirmed your Maiesties said Suppliant, to be the *Coniurer* belonging to the most Honorable Priuie Counsell, of your Maiesties most famous last Predecessor, (*Queene Elizabeth*) So that, seeing the said abhominable Sclaunder, is become so highly haynous, and disgracefull, that it pretendeth great discredit, and disliking to be had, also, of the said most Honorable Lordes, of your Maiesties priuie Counsell (as to vse any *Coniurers* aduise: and your said Suppliant to be the man.) It, therefore, seemeth, (vpon diuers respects,) to be very needefull, due and speedy Order, to be taken herein: by your Maiesties wisedom, and Supreme Authoritie: (by one, of the three foresaid meanes, or any other,) to haue your Highnesse said Suppliant, to be tryed, in the premisses: Who offereth himself willingly, to the punishment of Death: (yea, eyther to be stoned to death: or to be buried quicke: or to be burned vnmercifully) If by any due, true, and iust meanes, the said name of *Coniurer*, or *Caller*, or *Invocator* of Diuels, or damned Spirites, can be proued, to haue beene, or to be, duely or iustly reported of him, or attributed vnto him: Yea, (good, and gratious King) If any one, of all the great number, of the very strange and friuolous fables, or historyes reported and told of him (as to haue beene of his doing) were True: as they haue beene told, or reasonably cansed any wonding among, or to, the many headed Multitude, or to any other, whosoeuer, els. And, then, your Highnesse said Suppliant, (vpon his said Iustification, and Clearing, made herein) will conceiue great and vndoubted hope, that your Maiestie will, soone after, more willingly, haue Princely regard of redressing, of your Highnesse said Suppliant, his farder griefes, and hindrances; no longer, of him, possibly to be endured: So long hath his vtter vndoing, by little and little, beene most vniustly compassed. The Almightie and most mercifull God, alwayes direct, your Maiesties royall heart, in his wayes of Iustice and Mercy, as is to him, most acceptable: and make your Maiestie to be the most blessed and Triumphant Monarch, that euer this *British* Empire, enioyed. *Amen.*